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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, SP  
SUBJECT: SUAREZ MEETS WITH JUST ABOUT EVERYBODY

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1. THE PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ, AFTER FIRST MEETING WITH PSDE  
LEADER GARCIA LOPEZ AND THEN WITH FIVE LEADERS OF ALIANZA  
POPULAR (SILVA, LOPEZ RODO, FERNANDEZ DE LA MORA, THOMAS DE  
CARRANZA, AND IRANZO), SAT DOWN YESTERDAY FOR THREE HOURS  
WITH THE OPPOSITION'S "COMMISSION OF FOUR" (SATRUSTEGUI,  
JAUREGUI, CANYELLAS, AND GONZALEZ) TO DISCUSS THE TWO ISSUES OF  
POLITICAL AMNESTY AND THE RECOGNITION OF ALL POLITICAL  
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PARTIES. UPON DEPARTING THE PRESIDENCY, CANYELLAS READ A  
COMMUNIQUE WHICH, ALTHOUGH GIVING NO DETAILS OF THE  
TALKS, STATED INTER ALIA THAT SUAREZ HAD TOLD THEM THE TWO  
ISSUES "WERE UNDER SERIOUS STUDY BY THE GOVT, WHICH WILL  
TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE FOUR COMMITTEE  
MEMBERS." EACH OF THEM THEN EXPRESSED HIS PERSONAL  
SATISFACTION WITH THE ENCOUNTER AND HIS OPTIMISM THAT SOME

MEETING OF THE MINDS COULD BE REACHED.

2. PSOE SECGEN GONZALEZ REMAINED BEHIND AFTER THE MEETING AND SPOKE PRIVATELY WITH SUAREZ FOR ALMOST AN HOUR. GONZALEZ WOULD NOT DIVULGE THE CONTENTS OF THIS CONVERSATION, EXCEPT TO SAY THAT A GOOD PART OF IT DEALT WITH INT'L RELATIONS, PARTICULARLY THE ARAB WORLD AND LATIN AMERICA. (COMMENT: PSOE LEADER ENRIQUE MUGICA TOLD EMBOFFS EARLIER YESTERDAY THAT SUAREZ HAD ADVISED GONZALEZ IN ADVANCE THAT HE WANTED TO SPEAK TO HIM PRIVATELY AFTER THE SESSION. WHATEVER THE CONTENT OF THE DISCUSSION, THE FACT THAT SUAREZ CHOSE TO MEET WITH GONZALEZ IN THE FASHION IS A RATHER CLEAR SIGNAL THAT HE CONSIDERS GONZALEZ TO BE THE POLITICAL HEAVYWEIGHT OF THE GROUP.)

3. SATRUSTEGUI TOLD THE AMBASSADOR TODAY THAT, AS A RESULT OF YESTERDAY'S MEETING, HE IS "MORE CONFIDENT TODAY THAN THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY," BECAUSE THE GOVT AND OPPOSITION OBVIOUSLY SHARE CONSIDERABLE COMMON GROUND. HE SAID THAT "SOMETHING CLOSE TO" A BROADSCALE AMNESTY MIGHT BE IN THE WORKS AND WAS CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC THAT SOME MOVEMENT WAS POSSIBLE ON THE LEGALIZATION OF THE PCE (SEPTEL). HE INDICATED THAT A SECOND MINI-COMMISSION (MEMBERSHIP UNSPECIFIED) WOULD MEET NEXT WEEK WITH SUAREZ TO DISCUSS THE ELECTORAL LAW, BUT THE EXACT TIME OF THIS MEETING HAS NOT YET BEEN SET. STABLER

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